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(He struggles vainly to escape the Priest)

Aie, let me go!

Call off your servant, Christ, who are his King.

Christ, do you hear? I only want to sing!

(The sky goes black; a thunder clap is heard. When it is light again, the Priest is alone; the mist has cleared.)

THE PRIEST

Ah, what a nightmare! What a hideous thing!

I dreamed I heard the pagan god, Pan, sing.

ACIDPOINT

BY JOSEPH AUSLANDER

Such is the pure sharp cutting of the air
To crying beauty that the seagulls know;
And such the white teeth and rebellious hair
Of every undertow.

Lovely as steel, lonelier than all pride,
Hard, glittering, trenchant, bitterly wonderful—
Such is the laughter of each ebbing tide,
The mewing of each gull.